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DETECTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In this Preliminary Amendment, being submitted with a request for a CPA (enclosed) and the necessary fees, please make the following changes:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 49-51 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 65 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method of treating cancer in a patient comprising: 65. detecting a type of cancerous cells in the patient wherein a decrease in

PP2Cα gene activity is detected;